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KANSAS CHIROPRACTOR SENTENCED IN HEALTH CARE FRAUD

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Ella Ladd, 45**, Stillwell, Kansas, was sentenced on June 7, 2004 by U.S. District Judge Kathryn H. Vratil to **five years probation, to begin immediately, 6 months home detention, and restitution in the amount of \$29,031.90.**

Melgren said that Ladd entered a guilty plea on March 15, 2004 to one count of health care fraud and one count of forfeiture.

Melgren stated that Ladd admitted at her plea that from in or about January 2000 she submitted claims to health care benefit programs representing a doctor of osteopathy had performed the services, when in fact, they had not. By billing these services under the pretense of a doctor of osteopathy, she received a higher reimbursement for the services. Additionally, Ladd admitted she sent patients to a local gym to receive personal training but submitted claims to insurance companies for physical therapy. Patients did not receive physical therapy, the trainer was not a physical therapist, false claims were submitted and payments were received for physical therapy services that were not rendered.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Treadway in this prosecution.